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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Discussed the claim objections/rejections in the Office action of 05/11/2010. Examiner offered to proceed by Examiner's amendment if the language proposed by the Examiner in the 05/11/2010 OA was acceptable. Examiner proposed language for claims 3, 4 46 and 47 that was different than that proposed in OA 05/11/2010, specifically: "The method according to claim 2, wherein the continuous DNA sequence comprises from 5' to 3' nucleotides of an HBV genomic sequence corresponding to nucleotides 1818 to 1813 and 1814 to 1960 of GenBank sequence GI 13365548 when said HBV genomic sequence is aligned with said GenBank sequence." The Examiner also raise the issue, not addressed in the Office action, that reciting a GenBank sequence in a claim renders the sequence disclosed in the GenBank record "essential material", which cannot be incorporated by reference. The Examiner suggested that either those claims be cancelled (since the recitation of the specific primers used in claim 1 inherently results in the limitations recited in claims 3, 4, 46 and 47) or that the sequence disclosed in GenBank GI 13365548 be added to the Sequence Listing.